



**Citizens' Transportation  
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of the Miami-Dade Metropolitan  
Planning Organization

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**MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2005 AT 5:30 – 8:00 PM**

**CITIZENS' TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MIAMI CITY HALL  
3500 PAN AMERICAN DRIVE  
MIAMI, FL 33133  
COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

**AGENDA**

(5:30 PM – 6:00 PM)

**I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - *Meeting of July 27, 2005***

**III. CTAC MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

**A. JANAK THAKKAR - *Passed away Wednesday, August 3, 2005***

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT - *3 Minutes Each Speaker***

**V. ACTION ITEM (6:00 PM – 6:15 PM)**

**A. DRAFT RESOLUTION 13-05 REQUESTING THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) GOVERNING BOARD FURTHER STUDY THE SERVICE PLAN FOR WATERBORNE TRANSIT BY DETERMINING THE APPROPRIATE AGENCY TO ADDRESS OPERATIONAL CONCERNS AND DETAILING MONETARY PROJECTIONS BY ENCOURAGING INPUT FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR**

**VI. INFORMATION ITEMS (6:15 PM – 7:15 PM)**

**A. SOUTH MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT CORRIDOR ALTERNATIVE ANALYSIS UPDATE – *Wilson Fernandez, MPO Project Manager***

**VII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE (7:15 PM – 7:30 PM)**

**VIII. MEMBER REPORTS ON OTHER MEETINGS RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION (7:30 PM – 7:45 PM)**

**IX. NEW BUSINESS (7:45 PM – 8:00 PM)**

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

MPO Committee Meeting Dates:

CTAC Subcommittee	9/07/05
CTAC Full Committee	9/21/05
MPO Governing Board	No Meeting
TPC	9/12/05
TPTAC	No Meeting
BPAC	9/21/05
FTAC	9/14/05
TARC	9/14/05

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

**Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) Meeting**

Wednesday, August 24, 2005

5:30 PM – 8:00 PM

City of Miami City Hall  
Commission Chambers  
3500 Pan American Drive  
Miami, FL 33133

**SUMMARY OF MINUTES**

MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2005

**COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE:**

Mike Hatcher, Chair  
Norman Wartman, First Vice-Chairperson  
Naomi Wright, Second Vice-Chairperson  
Rolando Acosta  
Wendy Carr  
Joseph Corradino  
Daniel Fils-Aime  
Hudson Gaulman, Jr.  
Mac Glasgow  
Frank Hernandez

Marlon Kelly  
Mario Martinez-Malo  
Ramon Irigoyen  
Emma Pringle  
Paul Schwiep  
Lee Swerdlin  
Jeffrey Wander  
Andrea Young

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Elizabeth Rockwell, CTAC Secretariat  
Paul Chance, MPO Staff  
Frank Barron, MPO Project Manager  
Wilson Fernandez, MPO Project Manager  
Reed Everett-Lee, Consultant-South Link  
Seraphin Bernard, MDT  
Patrice Rosemond, OCITT  
Javier Heredia, MDPW  
Anastasia Siler, Citizen

## **I. WELCOME**

Mr. Mike Hatcher, CTAC Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked the Secretariat, Elizabeth Rockwell, to call the roll. After the roll was called, the Secretariat confirmed there was Quorum.

## **II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Paul Schwiep moved to approve the agenda and the motion was seconded by Lee Swerdlin. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

## **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Wendy Carr moved for the approval of the minutes and the motion was seconded by Andrea Young. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

## **IV. CTAC MEMBERSHIP UPDATE.**

The Chair recognized the passing of CTAC member Janak Thakkar and asked that there be a moment of silence in his memory. Mr. Hatcher requested that staff inquire if a fund has been established for Mr. Thakkar's children. If so, members are encouraged to donate to his memorial fund.

## **V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **VI. ACTION ITEM**

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Norman Wartman moved for the approval of the Resolution and the motion was seconded by Wendy Carr.

There was a 30-minute discussion among members expressing their concerns and issues. Frank Baron, MPO Project Manager, was on hand to address those concerns and issues. After further discussion Second-Vice Chair, Naomi Wright, made a friendly amendment to rephrase the third WHEREAS in the Resolution to read "CTAC feels this proposed mode of transportation is an attractive option and provides an opportunity to contribute to reorienting the current mind set for public transit and serve as a niche market." Mrs. Wright also requested language be added to the fifth WHEREAS stating "funding was not included in the

original People's Transportation Plan (PTP) for this transportation mode and, therefore, should not come from PTP funds."

Mr. Glasgow then made another friendly amendment to change the word "included" to "envisioned" strengthening the statement.

First Vice-Chair Norman Wartman accepted the friendly amendments made by Mrs. Wright and Mr. Glasgow.

Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed with three dissents.

## **VII. INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **A. SOUTH MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT CORRIDOR ALTERNATIVE ANALYSIS UPDATE**

Wilson Fernandez, MPO Project Manager for the South Link, introduced the consultant for the project. Mr. Reed Everett-Lee gave an extensive overview by updating the members on the project, listing the results that were found, and describing all seven alternatives of the analysis, which were:

1. No-Build
2. TSM/Baseline
3. Light Rail Transit
4. Metrorail Extension from Dadeland South Station to the vicinity of 211<sup>th</sup> Street
5. Metrorail Extension from Dadeland South station to Florida City
6. Metrorail extension/ BRT with Grade Separation
7. Diesel Multiple Unit (DMU) in the CSX Corridor

After the presentation, Mr. Reed Everett-Lee opened the floor for questions.

*(The presentation can be heard in its entirety upon request)*

Dave Bartlett, citizen, expressed concerns of the project analysis stating that the analysis had serious flaws. He also recommended that heavy rail is a better option than light rail.

Ms. Wright stated that when planning the system, transportation efficiency should be considered and that big picture is considered. She did not feel the project made sense and explained that a north south connection would make more sense for an overall growth and development plan.

Paul Schwiep made a motion for a Resolution stating that CTAC endorses the South Link Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) recommendations to eliminate alternatives four and seven, however CTAC recommends alternative five "Metrorail Extension from Dadeland South station to Florida City" as the preferred alternative. The Resolution was seconded by Lee Swerdlin.

At this time, CTAC member Joe Corradino excused himself from the discussion due to conflict of interest.

After further discussion and then being put to a vote, the motion passed with three dissents.

#### **VIII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE**

The Chair informed members that the Regional Transportation Meeting will be held bi-annually in Broward County.

The School Safety Task Force met and discussed the school crossing issues at Booker T. Washington and Miami High. The committee decided to let FDOT review the issues and study the situation to come up with recommendations to remedy the situation.

He informed the Committee that the City of Coral Gables is in support of the 11-mile skyway and passed a Resolution to confirm their commitment, too.

#### **IX. MEMBER REPORTS ON THE COMMITTEE**

Members were informed that the student appointment proposal is still under review and they will be updated as progress is made.

#### **X. NEW BUSINESS**

Wendy Carr went on the record stating that citizens in her area are against the widening of SW 97<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Frank Hernandez would like to see some type of workshop consisting of FDOT, MDX, Turnpike Authority, and Public Works to inquire how they can speed up the process of projects being completed.

#### **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

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